

# Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

*So long as I have 45 day or 60 day free trial period on a hearing aid - I surely don't need any more regulatory rules to tell me what I can or can not do.*

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

*I had a so-called audio ~~special~~ specialist for a hearing id - as soon as the test was done then came on the high-pressure sales pitch - with Buy today - we have a special price!*

Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

*In Absolute NO.*

Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

*Yes, so long as I can return them with full refund*

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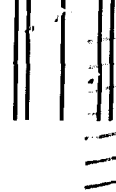
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I have a pair of Excel 1000 aids  
that I bought from you about 5 years  
ago - Just wondering what change or  
improvement the new Excel-Q83 has  
over the Excel 1000

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